



Welcome to the Parishes of Our Lady & St Paulinus, Dewsbury and St Joseph, Batley Carr



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www.olaspandstjosephs.org.uk

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SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 19th October 2025	Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	5.15pm - 5.45pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions	St Joseph
	6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (Holy Souls)	St Joseph
	9.30am	Mass (Parishes & People)	St Joseph
	11.00am	Mass (Aline Vera Hoffland [A])	St Paulinus
Tuesday 21st October	Weekday in Ordinary Time		
	7.00pm	Mass (Holy Souls)	St Joseph
Wednesday 22nd October	St John Paul II, Pope		
	10.00am	Mass (Haisha, Margaret & Lee Pygott)	St Joseph
Thursday 23rd October	Weekday in Ordinary Time		
	10.00am	Mass (Holy Souls)	
Friday 24th October	Weekday in Ordinary Time		
	10.00am	Mass (Robert 'Bob' Taylor [RIP])	St Paulinus
Sunday 26th October 2025	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	5.15pm - 5.45pm (Sat Eve)	Confessions	St Joseph
	6.00pm (Sat Evening)	Mass (...)	St Joseph
	9.30am	Mass (...)	St Joseph
	11.00am	Mass (Jack Moss [B'day A])	St Paulinus

Let us Pray...

Rejoicing that God will listen lovingly to our prayers we turn to him in humility with all our needs:

For Leo our Pope and Marcus our bishop, that they will continue to encourage the faithful to nurture their faith and grow in their love of God.

For all in government, that they may defend and protect religious freedom in their policies and laws.

For all who work as magistrates and judges, that their judgments may be tempered with mercy and compassion for both the victims and the accused.

For our own parish community, that, we will never cease to turn to God in prayer for guidance and spiritual growth.

For the vulnerable, the sick, the suffering and the bereaved, that they will know the comfort of Christ's love.

Faithful and merciful God, you have made us your daughters and sons in Christ. Open our hearts that we may hear more clearly your message of love and live more closely in accordance with your will. We ask this in his name, Christ our Lord. Amen

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We pray for those whom we know to be sick at home or in hospital, among them...

Michael (Tony) Murphy; Fr Russell Ashworth; Rosaleen Cronin; Mary Gallagher; Sharon McCormack; Adrian Keachie; Lynda Walker; Evie; Dot Meadows; Rosie & Gordon Fisher; Jean Fisher; Chris Sinclair; Kat Madina; Terry Hopkins; Reynaldo; Val; Simon; Virgie Acharon.

We pray for those who have died recently, or whose anniversary falls at this time, among them...

Sheila Wilcock (LD); Maureen Lyons (A); Fred & Nancy Wood (A); David Goodall (A); Bridget Dearmer (B'day A); Jane Beddows (LD); Bernard McGrath (LD); Helen (A); Shedu (A); Eileen Goodwin (LD).

Please remember to turn-off mobile phones before Mass begins...Thank you!

REGULAR EVENTS & CONTACTS

APF Red Mission Boxes

Contact: Elaine Ellis - 07933 272277

Bereavement Support

Fr Stephen would invite people to get in touch about becoming part of a bereavement support network.

Buildings & Fabric Steward

Contact: John Dennehy -

Catechists (Sacramental Preparation)

OLSP - Helen Regan - hregan@stpaulinus.org

St J - Sarah Riley - sarah.riley42@outlook.com or 07917 105301

Childrens' Liturgy Group

OLSP - plans to re-start in 2025

Church Cleaning Contacts (More Volunteers Needed!)

OLSP -

St J - Elaine Ellis - 07933 272277

Church Flowers Contacts

OLSP -

St J - Jill Riordan - 07495 134218

Church Hall Bookings

OLSP - Roy Jno Baptiste - 07734 864751

Jim Regan - 01924 469700

Gift Aid Organiser

Contact: David Prendergast - 07938 801487

Happy Memories Dementia Support Group

OLSP - Parochial Hall - 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month. Cath Knowles 07986 142049

Journey in Faith (RCIA)

Contact: Fr Stephen 01924 465531 for details.

Keep Fit Classes

OLSP - Parochial Hall every Tuesday 10.30am - 11.30am. Inara Bennett - 07910 127989

Music Ministry

OLSP - Amy Preece - amycpreece@hotmail.co.uk

St J - Cathy Baxendale - cathyh79@gmail.com

Piety Stall

Contact: Margaret Brannan (looking for helper!)

Rotas (Eucharistic Ministry)

OLSP - Jim Regan - 01924 469700

St J -

Rotas (Readers)

OLSP - Glenys or Mike Woods on 07870 542238

St J - Marie-Claire Keddie - mckeddie@live.co.uk

Sacristan (St Joseph's)

St J - Douglas Sykes doug.kp.sykes@btinternet.com

Safeguarding Representatives (Both Churches)

Cathy Baxendale; Andrea Jackson; Elizabeth Stanley & Helen Regan

Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP)

Contact: Cath Knowles (President) 07986 142049

Meetings every third Thursday of the month.

Yoga Classes

St Joseph's Hall - Wednesday evenings at 6.00pm. Beginners welcome. Sarah Riley 07917 105301

Our Lady & St Paulinus Catholic Primary Academy

Headteacher: Miss S Hayes 01924 488282

St Joseph's Catholic Primary Academy

Headteacher: Mrs C Bulloch 01924 462053

St John Fisher Catholic Academy

Headteacher: Mr K Mackay 01924 527000

Mass Intentions Received Recently:

Haisha, Margaret & Lee Pygott (RIP); George & Margaret Bottomley (B'day Anniversaries); Jack Millar (A).

November - Month of the Holy Souls:

November will soon be upon us, and it is a time when we particularly remember all those whom we have loved but see no longer, all our deceased relations, friends and past benefactors of the Parishes.

All Souls Day is celebrated this year on **Monday 3rd November**, and we shall be offering Mass for all the Holy Souls at **12.00noon in St Paulinus Church**, and **7.00pm in St Joseph's Church**. At the All Souls Masses we shall remember all our loved ones who have died. Please do come along.

In preparation for the Mass, and for the month of the Holy Souls, I have now made available the Holy Souls envelopes at the back of each Church. These are for you to take, and complete with a list of your departed loved ones to remember and add to the "List of the Dead", for whom we shall offer Masses throughout November and the rest of the year, both in the parish and outside the parish. Once you have completed your list, please place it with your offering into the envelope and return it to the Presbytery or else put it into the offertory plate as it comes around at Mass - then again, you could also just hand it directly to me! Please remember that these envelopes are for the "List of the Dead / Holy Souls", and not for individual Masses to be offered as is the custom in November each year. Many thanks, Fr Stephen

St Joseph's Coffee after Mass:

Everyone is welcome to join us for refreshments after Mass on Sunday and Wednesday - just come along!

OL & SP - Coffee Morning after Sunday Mass:

Come and join us after the 11.00am Mass - all are very welcome! This week in aid of Faith and Light.

Soup Lunch for Faith and Light at OL & SP:

On Remembrance Sunday 9th November. Tickets £2 for soup/sandwich, apple pie & cream available shortly.

OL & SP - 200 Club:

Winner 12th October: No 197 - Eileen O'Donovan

11th & 12th October 2025

Weekly Offerings:

St Joseph's

Env £85.00

Plate £122.50

Our Lady & St Paulinus'

Env £265.70

Plate £175.80

Other Income

'New to You' Shop

£191.00

Thank you for your continuing generosity

Parish Banking Details:

To set up Standing Orders or make one-off contributions electronically, please find details of both churches below:

Our Lady & St Paulinus'

Name: Diocese of Leeds, Our Lady & St Paulinus

Sort Code: 40-27-15 Account Number: 31017233

St Joseph's

Name: Diocese of Leeds, St Joseph Batley Carr

Sort Code: 40-27-15 Account Number: 31017225

OL & SP Christmas Fair - Saturday 6th December :

Thrift tickets to spend at the Fair - available now!

Journey in Faith:

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Perhaps your partner is Catholic, and you'd like to find out more about the faith for yourself? Perhaps you know someone who is searching in their faith, and you could point them in this direction? Each year we gather a group of adults (of all ages) to explore the Catholic faith, with a view to being baptised or being received into full communion with the Church. The group will begin on **This Tuesday - 21st October, after the 7.00pm Mass** in St Joseph's. Please contact Fr Stephen if you are interested in joining the group.

First Sacraments 2026:

Having had a very fruitful planning meeting with our team of Catechists across both Churches, we can now announce the following dates for the celebration of Sacraments in both St Joseph's and St Paulinus'.

Confirmation:

For those in Year 6 or above, the celebration of the Sacrament with the Bishop will be Thursday 12th February 2026. Details below about the courses of preparation on offer in both churches.

First Reconciliation:

This is for children in Year 3 or above. The celebration of the Sacrament will take place on Tuesday 24th March 2026 in St Joseph's, and Thursday 26th March 2026 in St Paulinus'. More details of the preparation will follow in due course.

First Holy Communion:

This is for children in Year 4 or above. The celebrations will take place on Saturday 6th June 2026 at St Joseph's, and Sunday 7th June 2026 at St Paulinus', being the Masses for Corpus Christi. Details of the courses of preparation will follow in due course.

The celebration of these Sacraments is about growing in the life of the Church - so regular attendance at Mass is a key part of that preparation!

Confirmation Preparation in St Joseph's Hall:

For those who are Year 6 or older and not attending sessions at St Paulinus' school, the first 2 sessions will be on Saturday 1st and 8th November 3.00pm – 5.30pm, in St Joseph's Church Hall. Please speak to Fr Stephen or Sarah Riley if you are interested in attending.

Confirmation Preparation in St Paulinus' School:

Classes will take place at the end of the school day on Mondays, beginning on Monday 10th November 2025. To join these classes, please speak with Miss Regan either in school or at church.

New to You Shop:

Don't forget to download the poster from the church website and share on social media

Hummingbirds Decade(nce) Concert

In St Joseph's Hall - A concert including hot supper on 20th November. Tickets are £8, and will be on sale from next week. If you can help making meat/vegetarian or vegan chilli please sign up on the clipboard at St Joseph's.

St Joseph's Christmas Stall:

This will be on 29th/30th November. The same weekend we will be getting out our Christmas stock in the New to You shop including preloved trees, decorations, jumpers.

Who Do We Think We Are?

To reflect on this Jubilee Year of Hope, we would like to gather and publish an oversight of our service as the Catholic community across our two churches and parish communities since the start of the liturgical year in December 2024. Without giving names or personal details, folk from both churches and our three schools are encouraged to send information to Cathy Baxendale by email to: cathyh79@gmail.com as follows:

Service to Church:

e.g., The number and age range of servers, readers, musicians, cleaners, florists, those who meet and greet, serve tea after Mass, catechists, those receiving sacraments. Please also share how you or visitors with you have been made welcome in our churches or where in the world you have been on pilgrimage or prayed for the work of our churches this year

Service to the Community:

e.g., The work of organisations such as the SVP, groups for seniors and/or those with Alzheimer's etc and their carers, children with disabilities, the Flea Market. How many of us do paid or voluntary work as a result of our calling to serve - health, education, social care, emergency services, charity

All info to cathyh79@gmail.com by ALL SAINTS

Catholic Primary Academy Admissions:

Was your child born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 and is due to start 'BIG' school in September 2026? If so, and you would like to enrol your child at St Joseph's or St Paulinus' . Then all applications are to be made on the Kirklees Online Admissions Portal @ www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/admissions/apply-primary-school-place.aspx. You must also complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) which you can also download from the Kirklees Admissions Portal or collect from either school office. The deadline for both online applications and to hand in your SIF at school (with a copy of your child's birth certificate) is 15th January 2026. If you need any support with your application please contact:

St Joseph's School - Tel: 01924 462053 email: office@stjosephsdewsbury.co.uk

St Paulinus' School - Tel: 01924 488282 or email Mrs Lohn at office@stpaulinus.org

St Paulinus School Vacancies:

We have vacancies from Reception to Year 6, should you wish for your child to come to St Paulinus' School. Please contact the school office for more details.

Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) Survivors' Survey:

As part of a thematic audit of survivor engagement, the CSSA is actively seeking insight from those who have lived experience of abuse and is carrying out a public call for information. This is an opportunity for anybody with information to share with the CSSA (anonymously if you wish). Please visit their dedicated webpage <https://catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/contact-us-and-other-information/public-calls-for-information/>

November Dead List (2025) Envelopes:

These are available on the way out of Church.

Weekly Bulletin News:

Deadline for submissions - Thursday Noon. Please post through the presbytery letterbox at St Joesph's or email: stephen.webb@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Thank you!